

House Resolution No. 320

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Irene Wrabec, a resident of Sugar Creek, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on February 5, 2005, at the Mike Onka Memorial Building; and

Whereas, on February 5, 1925, in Sugar Creek, God brought one of twelve special gifts to Mate and Mandica Butkovich with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Irene, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Irene Wrabec will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on June 16, 1951, to Joseph W. Wrabec and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, God has blessed Irene Wrabec with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one son, Paul Wrabec; three grandchildren, Daniella, Cyril, and Josko Wrabec; and two great-grandchildren, Corgon and Kruno Thomas; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Irene Wrabec has further distinguished herself by serving as Chief Executive Officer of VinoGrad Vineyards, and retiring after thirty-eight years with the United States Postal Service, where she served in the position of Superintendent of Mailing Requirements, received a letter of appreciation and commendation for courageously entering a burning building that housed the Sugar Creek Post Office, was named Miss Zip because of her efforts to promote the five digit zip code, and received the Special Recognition Award for Superior and Unusual Achievement for authorizing sixty-five nationally adopted suggestions that became law in the USPS Service Manual; and

Whereas, Irene Wrabec has also enjoyed recognition as a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church and a charter member and officer with the Croatian Catholic Union, where she serves as a Financial Secretary; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Irene Wrabec is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Irene Wrabec at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Irene Wrabec, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 320, adopted February 1, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker